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Laddie L. James

TITLE:

Improved Tack Spraying Apparatus

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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

believe I am an original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Improved Tack Spraying Apparatus, the specification of which is filed herewith.

hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, ncluding the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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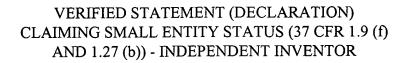
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VERIFICATION

On the date indicated hereinbelow, I, Laddie L. James, being the sole inventor of the hereinabove identified patent application, do hereby verify that the information given in the Information Disclosure Statement filed in this patent application pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97 et seq. to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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